

Putting Children First

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to putting children and youth first, and to ensuring a better life for these vulnerable members of society.

Despite Saskatchewan's child welfare system facing numerous challenges, the number of children coming into care was decreasing; however, the past three months have seen an increase in children entering care, consistent with seasonal increases seen at the end of 2014. It is important to note that within these numbers are children who are increasingly being placed in the custody of extended family, promoting family, culture and community.

Our goal is continuous strengthening of the system and improved outcomes for children in care by addressing these critical areas:

- Capacity
- Foster Home Recruitment
- Foster Home Retention
- Leadership
- Accountability
- Legislative Review

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	Mar 31, 2013	Mar 31, 2014	Mar 31, 2015	Mar 31, 2016	Mar 31, 2017
Children in out-of-home care ¹	4504	4518	4635	4774	5049
Children in care ²	2844	2844	2881	2981	3154
Non wards ³	1660	1674	1754	1793	1895
Approved Providers ⁴	619	570	538	506	490
Provider homes with more than four children ⁵	58	50	57	42	42
Number of children living in provider homes with more than four children	339	297	328	248	260

All data is taken from Linkin.

1 - This number includes all children who are in the care of the Minister and those taken in care off-reserve and their case management has subsequently been transferred to a First Nations Agency.

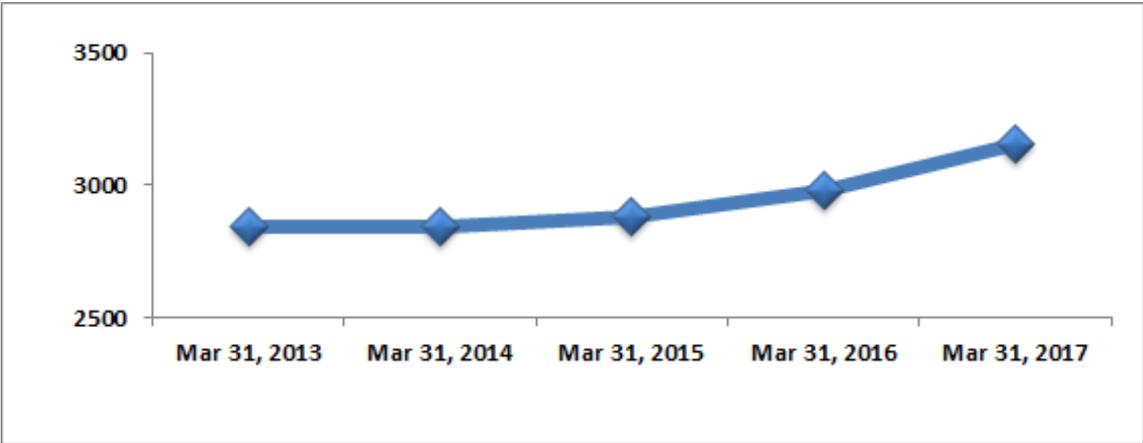
2 - These children are on apprehended, temporary long term or permanent ward status. This number also includes children in care under an Agreement for Residential Service as agreed to between the child's parent and the ministry.

3 - This number includes children/youth who are placed by court order in the custody of a designated Person of Sufficient Interest caregiver.

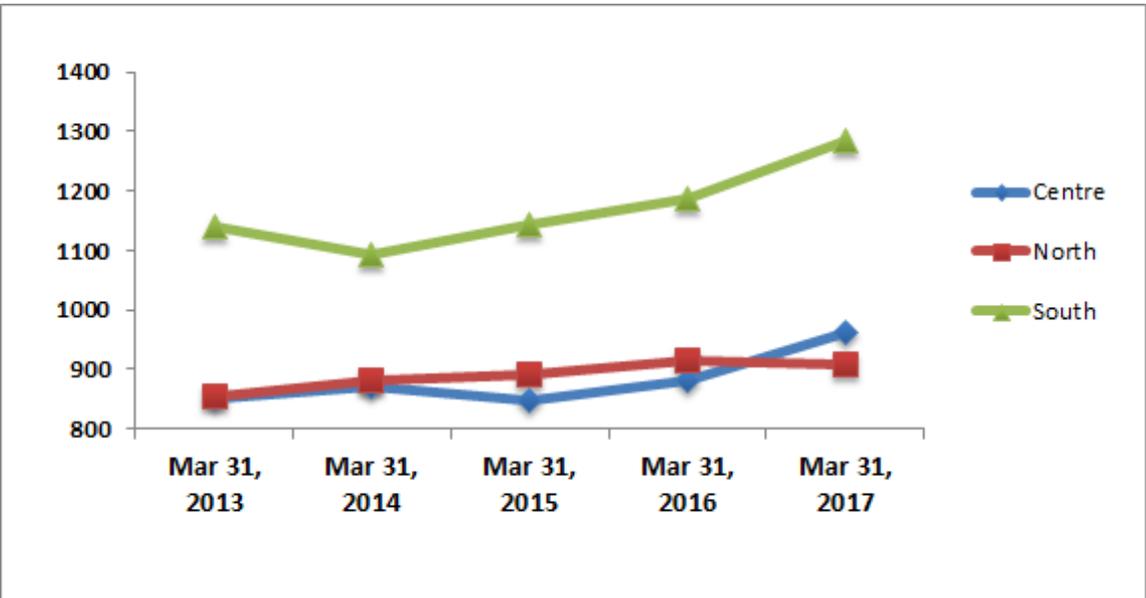
4 - Approved Providers - include Regular Foster Care, Therapeutic Foster Care, or both Regular and Therapeutic Foster Care.

5 - Children refers to children in care.

Children in Care in Saskatchewan 2013 – 2017 Province-Wide



Children in Care in Saskatchewan 2013 – 2017 By Region



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Number of Foster Homes over the Recommended Number of Four Foster Children/Home

	March 2016		March 2017	
5	17	85	19	95
6	15	90	9	54
7	7	49	5	35
8	3	24	6	48
9	0	0	2	18
10	0	0	1	10
	42	248	42	260

* as of March 31st of each year – using approved providers and counting placement types of Regular and Therapeutic Foster Care
6 – Children refers to children in care.